

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. Applicant's amendment and accompanying remarks filed 9/27/07 have been fully considered and entered. Claim 10 has been canceled and claims 1, 11 and 14 have been amended as requested. Applicant's amendment to claim 1 is found sufficient to overcome the obviousness rejections set forth in sections 2-3 of the Office Action dated 6/29/07. Specifically, the prior art made of record fails to teach the features of newly amended claim 1. As such, these rejections are hereby withdrawn. Claims 1-9 and 11-49 are allowable for reasons set forth herein below.

Allowable Subject Matter

2 The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1-9 and 11-49.

Applicant amended claim 1 to recite "wherein layer 2 contains a carbon dioxide generating composition comprising a weak base and weak acid". The prior art of record fails to teach such a composition. An updated art search did not produce any new substantial art for which to base a rejection and presently no motivation exists to combine references to form an obviousness type rejection.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lynda M. Salvatore whose telephone number is 571-272-1482. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Milton Cano can be reached on 571-272-1398. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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